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SUBJECT: GREEK ACTORS DEMONSTRATE IN SUPPORT OF
CHILEAN ACTORS

1. SUMMARY: 2,000 DEMONSTRATORS, INCLUDING MELINA MERDOURI AND NEMEROUS OTHER PROMINENT GREEK STAGE PRSONALITIES, PARADED FROM POLYTECHNION TO AMERICAN AND CHILEAN EMBASSIES JANUARY 7 TO PRESENT PETITIONS. PETITIONS SIGNED BY ABOUT 500 ACTORS AND ACTRESSES WERE DELIVERED BY DELEGATION WHICH ASKED THAT EMBASSY RELAY TO AMERICAN ACTORS AND ACTRESSES PLIGHT OF CHILEAN ACTORS ON TRIAL BY COURT MARTIAL AND THAT USG USE ITS INFLUENCE TO PREVENT EXECUTION OF ACCUSED. END SUMMARY.

2. DEMONSTRATION CALLED BY UNION OF GREEK ACTORS AS ANNOUNCED IN ATHENS PRESS ASSEMBWD AT POLYTECHNION EARLY AFTERNOON JANUARY 7 AND MARCHED DOWN ATHENS MAIN NORTHBOUND ARTERY TO AMERICAN AND CHILEAN EMBASSIES SITUATED ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF QUEEN SOPHIA AVENUE.

ACCORDING TO ATHENS POLICE ABOUT 5,000 GATHERED AT POLYTECHNION AND 2,000 MARCHED TO EMBASSY. DEMONSTRATION WAS ORDERLY AND INCLUDED LARGE NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE, SOME
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PERHAPS FROM ACTING STUDIOS AND CINEMA SCHOOLS IN ATHENS.

STAGE PERSONALITIES JENNY KAREZI AND MANOS KATRAKIS
ADDRESSED CROWD ASSEMBLED IN FRONT OF EMBASSY AGAINST
BACKGROUND CHANTING OF "NATO,CIA, BETRAYAL," "AMERICANS
OUT," "GREECE AND CHILE COMMON STRUGGLE," ETC. APPROXIMATELY
25 BANNERS WERE APINTED WITH SLOGANS "CHILE BELONGS TO
CHILEAN PEOPLE," "FREEDOM TO SUFFERING CHILEAN PEOPLE,"
"WE SUPPORT STRUGGLE OF OUR BROTHERS IN CHILE," "LONG
LIVE STRUGGLE OF PEOPLE OF CHILE," "OUT WITH AMERICAN
BASES," "OUT WITH AMERICANS" AND OTHERS. MANY BANNERS
WERE BRIGHT RED AND INITIALED BY KKE-INTERIOR,
PASOK, RIGOS FERRAIOS AND BY OTHER COMMUNIST YOUTH GROUPS.

3. DELEGATION OF SIX PROMINENT ACTORS AND ACTRESSES
INCLUDING MELINA MERCOURI DELIVERED TO EMBOFF PETITION
ADDRESSED TO AMERICAN AMBASSADOR WHICH EXPRESSED SUPPORT TO
CHILENA ACTORS AND PEOPLE OF CHILE WHO SUFFER UNDER FASCIST
DICTATORSHIP OF CHILEAN JUNTA.
PETITION REQUESTED AMERICAN ACTORS AND PEOPLE
TO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM OF CHILE AND USG TO INTERVENE TO
PREVENT EXECTUIONS, TO ABOLISH COURTS MARTIAL, TO STOP
TORTURES, TEC. PETION CONCLUDED WITH REQUEST THAT U.S.
INTERVENE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF THESPIAN COLLEAGUES IN
CHILE: MARCELLO ROMO, GUILLERMO KAN, ELSA ROUDOLFI,
FRANCISCO MORALES, IVAN SAN MARTIN, UGO MEDINA, PEDRO
APPIA, GUILLERMO NUNEZ, ENRICO NORAMBUENA, LOUIS ARENAS
AND IGO KADILIANA. AFTEF DELEGATION DEPARTED EMBASSY,
DEMONSTRATION DISSOLVED PEACEFULLY.

4. AFTERNOON DAILY ESTIA IN BRIEF EDITORIAL COMMENTED
THAT GREEK ACTORS HAVE FULL RIGHT TO SUPPORT CHILEAN
COLLEAGUES BUT QUERIED RHETORICALLY WHETHER GREEK STAGE
PERSONALITIES EVER HELD DEMONSTRATION IN SUPPORT OF
CYPRUS ACTORS WHO ARE THEIR "BROTHERS."
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